THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) During the year 1997 (upto 22.7.97) 601 cases of kidnapping were registered in Delhi including 401 cases of child kidnapping. During the corresponding period of 1996, 543 cases of kidnapping had been registered in Delhi including 321 cases of child kidnapping.

(c) The requisite information is as below:

| | No. of children Kidnapped |
|---|---|
| January, 1997 | 54 |
| February, 1997 | 64 |
| March, 1997 | 55 |
| April, 1997 | 73 |
| May, 1997 | 58 |
| June, 1997 | 68 |
| July, 1997 (upto 15.7.97) | 45 |
| Total | 417 |

(d) In 401 cases of child kidnapping reported during 1997 (upto 22.7.97), 417 children had been kidnapped out of whom 244 have since been recovered. 5 of these cases were reported in the area of Police Station Defence Colony in which 5 children were kidnapped of whom 4 have since been recovered.

(e) Steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent child kidnapping include preparation of safety tips for school going children which are circulated to parents, school authorities and the children themselves; visits by police officials to schools for briefing children during assembly time; increased patrolling near schools especially during opening and closing hours and issue of advertisements in the press educating the public about safety measures.

*[English]*

**International Border Area Development Scheme**

1087. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that fund allocated under International Border Area Development Scheme (IBADS) to Karimganj district of Assam bordering Bangladesh is really a meagre one;

(b) whether fund under IBADS could not directly be handed over to District Administration;

(c) whether some Development Blocks of Karimganj district have been left out of having the benefit of fund under IBADS; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken to enhance the allocation of funds under IBADS in North-East bordering Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Border Area Development Programme covers only those blocks which are contiguous to international borders. Only four blocks of Karimganj district in Assam namely North Karimganj, Patherkandi, Lowairpoa South Karimganj and Badarpur are covered under this Programme. Funds under the Programme are allocated amongst State Governments on the basis of equal weightage to the area of the border blocks, their population, and length of international border. Sectoral and spatial distribution of funds, selection of schemes to be taken up and the agencies to implement them are decided by Screening Committee set up at the state level.

*[Translation]*

**Bhopal Gas Tragedy**

1088. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases for compensation filed in the courts, the number out of them disposed of and the number of cases still pending;

(b) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be disposed of; and

(c) the number of cases which are related to deaths when the applications were called for compensation for the second time?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The number of compensation claim cases registered, adjudicated upto